



Make a Difference...

Participate in the Community Dialogue on Race and Racism!

In February 2008, join 300 - 1000 of your friends, neighbors, and fellow Lynchburgers in making a difference in the community by participating in the Community Dialogue on Race and Racism. Small groups, called *Study Circles*, will meet for approximately two hours, once a week for six weeks. An Action Forum will be held a few weeks after the last *Study Circles* meeting. The Action Forum marks the conclusion of the discussion and provides an opportunity to blend the ideas and energy from the groups. Most importantly, it signals the beginning of the action efforts that will be carried forward.

This will be an enormous undertaking over a period of approximately one year. Presently, a working group, comprised of members of the Neighborhood Executive Advisory Council, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council, City staff, and other interested citizens, is developing the program that will guide this effort. Additionally, sponsors are

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COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
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being sought to back this initiative and to help recruit a broad and diverse cross section of the community to participate in the *Study Circles* process.

If you would like more information about the Community Dialogue please contact Margaret Schmitt, Community Dialogue Coordinator at 434-4208. You may also go to www.manyvoicesonecommunity.com for participation and sponsorship forms and additional information.

Here's How You Can Make a Difference!

- Sign up to participate and attend the six *Study Circles*.
- Sign up to be a member of the Sponsoring Coalition.
- Help spread the word—Presenters and materials available.
- Make a donation.
- Pledge to take action and make a difference!

Mayor's Youth Council

The Mayor's Youth Council is comprised of hard working high school students in grades 9 through 11. These students are interested in being leaders and taking an active role in their community by representing the youth of the City of Lynchburg. The members of the Mayor's Youth Council discuss the issues affecting our City with City Council and Community Leaders. Council members complete community service projects, take part in fund raising events, attend monthly

meetings and some City Council sessions. Activities in the past have included helping at Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, participating in the Asthma Walk, Junior Achievement Bowlathon, can drives for the Lynchburg Area Food Bank, bake sales, and helping at the Jubilee Center Christmas Party.

If you know a teen who is interested in making a difference in the community, contact the Department of Juvenile Services at 455-5795.

LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY COURT

People make mistakes, especially young people. What happens when that mistake is a crime? For example: what happens when someone vandalizes a business with graffiti? Are they sent to jail? Made to clean the graffiti? In the traditional court system, the person would be fined, forced to pay the business for the damage, and possibly go to jail. Seldom would their sentence include cleaning the property they defaced. In addition, they would have a criminal conviction on their record for life. It requires a great deal more accountability from a defendant to apologize in person to the victim and clean up the results of their crime than it is to simply send a check. Community Court requires that type of accountability.

A new program here in Lynchburg, the Community Court seeks to give young people who have committed non-violent misdemeanors a chance to better their lives through community service and social service opportunities. It is the first court of its kind in the Virginia courts, but one of 32 similar courts throughout the United States. It is an alternative court for youth aged 12 - 25 who have

never committed any crimes of violence.

Since January 1 of this year, the Lynchburg Community Court has had a total of 79 participants who have a total of 1,236 hours of community service to Lynchburg. They have received a total of 459 hours of social services. As a result of Community Court participation, three people have received their GED, three people have received jobs, and another two are now enrolled in college. Ten local businesses had their property cleaned of graffiti for free by participants in the Lynchburg Community Court program. The City of Lynchburg and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office are proud to announce that over 80% of the participants completed the program. Lynchburg Community Court is the only place where both the community and the person who committed the crime benefit.



Bagged Leaf Collection

Bagged leaf collection will be conducted in all wards beginning **October 1**. Call 856-CITY (2489) to schedule a pickup. Please place bagged leaves curbside. This collection is for leaves only. Grass clippings and hedge trimmings must be bagged and tagged separately and set out with your regular trash or consider composting.



Bagged leaves may still be placed at curbside for pickup during regular trash collection and each bag must be tagged with a .95 cent Trash Tag.

Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, October 6

11:00 a.m.

Miller Park Horseshoe Pits

Warm Up Time:
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

On Site Registrations:
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



PLAYER REGISTRATION
\$10 Advance/\$15 Day of Event

Please register at the Miller Center located at 301 Grove Street or call 455-4000. This event is an open class tournament for adults of all ages with double elimination. Teams will be drawn by number and trophies will be awarded to the top three winners. Spectators are welcome! Bring your own lawn chair. Concessions will be available.

NOTE: This is an alcohol free event sponsored by Lynchburg Parks & Recreation.

Calling All Local Artists!

Come learn about an exciting opportunity involving the Lynchburg Community Market's new *Heritage Crafters Gallery* at one of the following information sessions:

Saturday, October 13
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 16
7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Department
Miller Center - Auditorium
301 Grove Street

For more information, call 455-4485.

Dare You Not Believe?

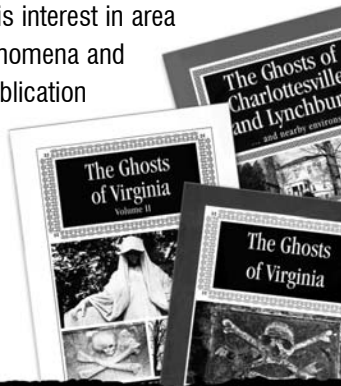
Spend a captivating evening with **L.B. Taylor, Jr.**, renowned author of the alluring book series, *"The Ghosts of Virginia."*

Wednesday, October 24
7:00 p.m.

Lynchburg Public Library - Community Room
2315 Memorial Avenue
(FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Put yourself in the mood for Halloween! L.B. Taylor, Jr., author of *The Ghosts of Virginia* series, will speak and show slides at the Lynchburg Public Library on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be most suitable for teens on up.

L.B. Taylor, Jr. was born in Lynchburg and has a degree in journalism from Florida State University. Now retired, he lives in Williamsburg. Taylor is the author of more than 300 national magazine articles and 30 non-fiction books. His research for the book, *Haunted Houses*, published in 1983, stimulated his interest in area psychic phenomena and led to the publication of his regional Virginia ghost books.



For more information call 455-6310



October 20th
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Forest Recreation Center

1088 Rustic Village Road, Forest, VA
(Near the intersection of Rt. 221 & Rt. 811)

Sponsored by Lynchburg and Bedford County Parks and Recreation Departments. Tickets are **\$7.00 advance** and **\$10.00 at the door** and can be purchased at Parks & Recreation offices, community centers, and Robertson Drug on Fort Avenue. For more information, call 455-4000.

NOTE: This is an alcohol-free and smoke-free event for adults of all ages.

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 27

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

Lynchburg City Stadium Parking Lot
Stadium Road at Wythe Road

50/50 Raffles~Face Painting~City Bake Sale~Putting Green~Music

Come out and join in the FUN!

- Pre-registration required for spaces by October 15.
- Rent a space for only \$25.00!
- Keep any money you make!

Contact Tommy Overstreet at 455-3882 for pre-registration.

NOTE: No outside food vendors permitted at this event. All yard sale space rental fees go to benefit the United Way of Central Virginia.